

Claim 18, line 2, please delete "17" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 19, line 1, please delete "claim 17 or 18" and substitute --in claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 19" and substitute --
claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 20" and substitute --
claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 22, line 2, please delete "21" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 23, line 2, please delete "22" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 24, line 2, please delete "23" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 25, line 2, please delete "24" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 26, line 2, please delete "25" and substitute --16-- therefor.

REMARKS

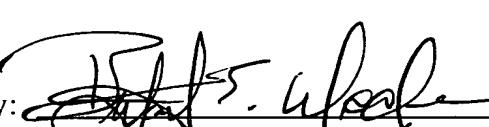
The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to clarify the translation and remove
multiple dependent claims from the application.

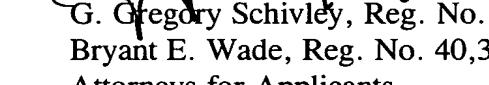
Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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